

**Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities**  
**November 9, 2010**  
**The Hagan Manor**  
**268 Washington Street**  
**Somerville, MA 02143**

**Committee Members:** Carlene Campbell, Kellyann Binari, Betty Serris, Ellen Frith, William Vienneau, Barbara Butler

**General Public:** Ellen Schneider, OSPCD, DJ Chagnon, representative from BA Landscape Architects, Mary Lou Thompson.

Chairperson Kellyann Binari opened the meeting at exactly 6:00 pm and preceded with the agenda items.

1. BA Landscape Architects will present plans for the renovation of Morse-Kelley and Dickerman Parks on Craigie Street. Brief explanation:

Both parks were designed with accessibility as a priority. The plan for Morse-Kelley Park includes a potential new staircase leading from Summer Street to the park; to build the staircase the City will need to obtain a variance from AAB (similar to the recent Grimmons Park renovation).

**Outcome:**

Ms. Schneider and DJ Chagnon presented to the Commission the plans for Morse Kelly and Dickerman playgrounds (see attached). The presenters highlighted all of the accessible entrances and aspects of the parks and requested that the Commission give a letter of support for a staircase in the back end of the park.

Ms. Binari made a motion to create and sign a letter of support of the park renovation. The motion was seconded and it was passed unanimously.

2. A reading and approval of the October meeting minutes.

**Outcome:**

Ms. Binari made a motion to accept the reading and approval of the October meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and it was passed unanimously.

3. A vote needed to be taken to elect officers of the commission, Chair and Secretary.

**Outcome:**

Ms. Binari informed the Commission that positions for officers that needed to voted on was Chair and Secretary.

**Chair:**

Ms. Campbell opened the floor for nominations for Chair; Ms Binari was nominated and was seconded. Hearing no other Commissioner interested in running for Chair. Ms. Campbell made a motion to accept Ms. Binari as the Chair. The motion was seconded and it was passed unanimously

**Secretary**

Ms. Binari stated that Ms. Teresa Baino will not be running again for the Secretary. Ms. Binari opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Ms. Binari nominated Carlene Campbell for Secretary and the nomination was seconded. Hearing no other Commissioners interested in running for Secretary. Ms. Binari made a motion to accept Ms. Campbell as Secretary. The motion was seconded and it was passed unanimously.

4. Commissioners had requested an updated contact information sheet

**Outcome:**

Ms. Campbell passed out an updated member list which needed additional changes. Ms. Campbell will send out updated list with agenda prior to next meeting.

5. The Chair had requested an update on the status on new members.

**Outcome:**

Ms. Campbell reported that Ms. Butler had been sworn in as the newest Commission and Ms. Thompson will be going before the Commission for Appointments at the next scheduled meeting.

6. Any new businesses from commissioners and/or public
  - a. Ms. Binari-relayed a concern re: the corner of Church Street at Somerville Avenue stating that the corner lip was higher than ½ an inch. Ms. Campbell reported that this had been corrected.
  - b. Ms. Binari asked about access route on the sidewalk of Rose Street and Washington Street. Ms. Campbell reported that the contractor had made an error and it was fixed immediately.
  - c. Ms. Firth stated a concern about furniture i.e. benches, barrels being placed in between bus stops along City Streets. The Commission

requested that when members see this to make a list and bring it the next meeting.

- d. The Commission discussed the next meeting will be held at Capen Ct. on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Capen Court, 1 Capen Court, Somerville.